Wireless Service in Rajasthan and Punjab

706. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan to connect all villages in Rajasthan and Punjab with wireless service; and

(b) if so, the details of the villages that would be connected under the project, in case they don't have regular telecom network, and if not, the reasons therefore, district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) No, Sir. Punjab is already having availability of Village Public Telephone (VPT) facility on wireless/wireline in all inhabited villages. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has plans to provide VPT facility on wireless/wireline/ satellite in 12,386 uncovered villages of Rajasthan by November, 2007 in accordance with the terms and conditions of the tender awarded to BSNL recently by the office of Administrator Universal Service Obligation (USO) Fund.

(b) The district-wise details of the villages to be covered in Rajasthan State is given in the enclosed Statement.

Statement

District-wise details of the villages to be covered in Rajasthan State

Sl. No.	Name of the District	Total
1.	Ajmer	28
2.	Alwar	534
3.	Bikaner	202
4.	Bhilwara	367
5.	Bundi	294

Sl. No.	Name of the District	Total
6.	Barmer	977
7.	Banswara & Dungarpur	868
8.	Bharatpur & Dholpur	880
9.	Churu	215
10.	Chittorgarh	1,159
11.	Jodhpur	232
12.	Jhunjhunu	9
13.	Jhalawar	807
14.	Jaipur & Dausa	888
15.	Jaisalmer	156
16.	Kota & Baran	429
17.	Nagaur	403
18.	Pali	107
19.	Sriganganagar & Hanumangarh	1,388
20.	Sikar	172
21.	Sirohi & Jalore	235
22.	Swaimadhopur & Karoli	516
23.	Tonk	326
24.	Udaipur	1,194
	TOTAL:	12,386

Diploma Courses in Computer Education

707. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of Electronic Trade and Technology alongwith names of diploma courses which are registered under Electronic Trade and Technology Computer Education;